

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 5, 6, 8-12, 14-16 and 18 as follows:

Claim ~~5~~, line ~~1~~, change "any one of Claims 1 to 4" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~6~~, line ~~1~~, change "any one of Claims 1 to 4" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~8~~, line ~~1~~, delete "or 7".

Claim ~~9~~, lines ~~1-2~~, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~10~~, line ~~1~~, change "any one of Claims 1 to 8" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~11~~, lines ~~1-2~~, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~12~~, lines ~~1-2~~, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~14~~, lines ~~1-2~~, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~15~~, lines ~~1-2~~, change "any one of the preceding claims to --Claim 1--.